

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants attach herewith a Declaration for the consideration of the Examiner.

The Declarant's first and last name, as shown on the first page of the *curriculum vitae*, is Franz Wolfgang Mayer, and the Declarant's degree is MSc, as shown on the second page of the *curriculum vitae*. In the body of the Declaration itself, on the first line, European counsel, in assisting in the preparation of the Declaration, placed the last name of the Declarant before the first name of the Declarant, while also inserting the degree of the Declarant before the last name of the Declarant.

The Declaration explains why, “[t]he addition of returned sintered material within a longitudinal extent of a granulation drum during the granulation of a mixture with at least the following components: (a) ore with a fines fraction, (b) at least one addition, and optionally (c) a binder, as claimed in independent claims 1 and 17 in the above-captioned application, produces a better granulation product than an addition of such returned sintered material to the mixture before the mixture enters the granulation drum would provide,” (Declaration, paragraph 3).

In view of the foregoing remarks and the attached Declaration, allowance of claims 1, 4, 5, and 17-21 is respectfully requested, claims 7-16 having been withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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